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SUMMARY. PRESS CONTINUES EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF U.S.  
ROLE AS FULL PARTNER AT CAMP DAVID SUMMIT, MAINTAINING  
THAT CAMP DAVID SUMMIT IS "LAST CARD" WASHINGTON HAS TO  
PLAY. SPECULATION CONTINUES ON AMERICAN PROPOSALS;  
AKHBAR CORRESPONDENT CITES CARTER'S "U.S. NEWS" INTERVIEW  
AS INDICATING THAT PROPOSALS HAVE ALREADY BEEN DELIVERED  
TO THE PARTIES, INCLUDING JORDAN AND SYRIA. COM-  
MENTARY ON ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS TAKES VIEW THAT MAIN  
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REASON FOR ISRAELI POSTPONEMENT WAS OPPOSITION FROM  
WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.

1. LAST CARD. AKHBAR EDITORIAL AUGUST 16 ARGUES THAT  
PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT TO "U.S. NEWS" THAT U.S.  
WOULD NOT SIMPLY BE A POSTMAN IS ANOTHER SIGN THAT U.S.  
HAS BECOME A FULL PARTNER IN THE PEACE PROCESS AND THAT

U.S. ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO CAMP DAVID SUMMIT. EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT CONFERENCE IS A FIRM STEP IN THE PEACE PROCESS AND WILL BE THE "LAST CARD" TO BE PLAYED BY WASHINGTON TO END THE MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT.

2. AMERICAN PROPOSALS. IN ANTICIPATION OF CAMP DAVID SUMMIT, PRESS CONTINUES TO SPECULATE ON AMERICAN PROPOSALS. AKHBAR'S CORRESPONDENT MAHA ABDEL FATAH PICKS UP ON PRESIDENT'S "U.S. NEWS" INTERVIEW, SAYING THAT CARTER ANNOUNCED FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT AMERICAN PROPOSALS HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO THE PARTIES TO THE CONFLICT. ABDEL FATAH CLAIMS SECRETARY VANCE, DURING HIS RECENT TRIP, PRESENTED WRITTEN U.S. PROPOSALS TO BEGIN AND SADAT. ABDEL FATAH CLAIMS COPY OF AMERICAN PROPOSALS WAS DELIVERED TO KING HUSSEIN AND TO PRESIDENT ASSAD. ABDEL FATAH CALLED THIS "IMPORTANT NEWS" WHICH WAS KEY ELEMENT OF SECRETARY'S TRIP TO THE AREA. COMMENT: WE HAVE BROUGHT TO FONOFF'S ATTENTION SECRETARY VANCE'S STATEMENTS THAT LETTER EXTENDING CAMP DAVID INVITATION WENT TO NO ONE OTHER THAN SADAT AND BEGIN. WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING FURTHER DEPT CAN PROVIDE AS TO WHAT OCCASION PRESIDENT HAD IN MIND WHEN HE REFERRED IN "U.S. NEWS" INTERVIEW TO SENDING SAME WRITTEN MESSAGE TO SADAT, BEGIN, HUSSEIN AND ASSAD. END COMMENT.

3. SETTLEMENTS. PRESS PROMINENTLY REPORTS THAT VANCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SENT TELEGRAM TO ISRAELI GOVERNMENT URGING IT NOT TO ESTABLISH NEW WEST BANK SETTLEMENTS. AKHBAR EDITOR MOHAMAD ZAKI ABDEL KADR SAYS THAT IN HIS VIEW ISRAEL POSTPONED SETTING UP OF NEW SETTLEMENTS UNTIL AFTER CAMP DAVID IN PART BECAUSE OF PRESSURE FROM PUBLIC OPINION AND THE PRESS, BUT MAINLY BECAUSE OF OPPOSITION FROM WASHINGTON. KADR NOTED THAT THE ISRAELIS DECIDED TO POSTPONE RATHER THAN TO CANCEL PLANS FOR SETTLEMENTS, ARGUING THAT ISRAELIS ARE KEEPING OPEN OPTION TO ESTABLISH STILL MORE SETTLEMENTS AS PRESSURE ON U.S. TO INSURE OUTCOME AT CAMP DAVID IS FAVORABLE TO THEM. EILTS

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